

## Bowden Finalist for National Immunization Award

Sue Bowden, recently retired from KDHE as the director for the Immunization Program, was honored as a finalist for the 2005 Natalie J. Smith, M.D. Award presented by the Association of Immunization Directors (AIM).

The *Natalie J. Smith, M.D. Award* is presented in recognition of Natalie J. Smith's outstanding management and leadership skills in the area of state and national vaccine preventable disease programs. This award, presented annually is the highest form of recognition for Immunization Program Managers.

It is established to recognize the contributions (during the past year or during the career) of an Immunization Program Manager who has demonstrated the high ideals, innovation and commitment to excellence in immunization practices that characterized Dr. Smith's career. The award recognizes accomplishments and visionary leadership that have had a significant impact on achieving city, state, territory, and/or national vaccine-preventable disease goals.



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Alice Gray, the Pennsylvania Immunization Program Director, was the winner of the 2005 Natalie Smith Award. Seven individuals were finalists for the award.

"I'm so very honored by the nomination," Bowden said. "I really never expected to be among the nominations. I admire the others very much and only hoped someday to be as good as they are."

Even in retirement, Bowden continues to stay busy as a proud grandma to her twin granddaughters and part-time consultant to KDHE.